

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A glass-ceramic plate comprising at least one opening located within a bent portion of said plate, this said opening being at a location other than a heating area and/or having at least one dimension greater than 10 cm and/or an angular and/or complex shape, wherein an outer peripheral edge around said opening is bent upwards, and wherein said opening is a suction hood opening configured for use with a suction hood for allowing for the extraction of cooking gases.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) The plate as claimed in claim 1, wherein said opening is at least 35 mm from an edge of the plate.

4. (Previously Presented) The plate as claimed in claim 1, wherein said opening occupies a position in a central area of said plate.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A glass-ceramic plate as claimed in claim 1 comprising at least one opening located within a bent portion of said plate, this opening being at a location other than a heating area and/or having at least one dimension greater than 10 cm and/or an angular and/or complex shape, wherein said opening has a polygonal shape.

6. (Currently Amended) The plate as claimed in claim [[2]] 1, wherein said suction hood is located beneath said plate.

7. (Currently Amended) The plate as claimed in claim [[2]] 1, wherein said opening is covered with a protective element configured to prevent objects from dropping therethrough while still allowing cooking gases to be sucked therethrough.

8. (Previously Presented) A process for manufacturing a plate as claimed in claim 1, comprising forming of the plate by a sinking, molding or pressing operation using one or more supports or one or more surfaces having a desired geometry.

9. (Previously Presented) The process as claimed in claim 8, wherein a forming operation is carried out by a sinking operation, in order to raise an edge of the opening relative to a plane of the plate during a glass plate ceramification cycle, the raising being produced by an element or bearing piece having a shape corresponding to that of the opening.

10. (Previously Presented) A cooking and/or high-temperature-maintaining device comprising a glass-ceramic plate as claimed in claim 1.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Previously Presented) The plate as claimed in claim 7, wherein said protective element is a mesh.

13. (Previously Presented) The plate as claimed in claim 1, wherein said plate is of a one-piece construction.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Previously Presented) The plate as claimed in claim 1, wherein said opening is at least 35 mm from each heating area of said plate.

16. (New) The plate as claimed in claim 1, wherein said opening has at least one dimension greater than 10 cm.

17. (New) The plate as claimed in claim 1, wherein said opening has an angular shape.

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18. (New) The plate as claimed in claim 1, wherein said opening has a complex shape.